

I call on you to hold an official public hearing in my state.

Before the disastrous 2003 decision to weaken media ownership rules (which a federal court has now overturned), you held only one official public hearing. Further, FCC officials met behind closed doors 71 times with major broadcasters – but only five times with public interest groups. And to justify your actions, you used deceptive, industry-sponsored research data.

The will of Big Media had been heeded at the expense of American citizens and democracy itself. This has to end. Before you rewrite the ownership rules, I demand an official public FCC hearing in my state, impartial and verifiable research, and transparent debates.

It is time to put the needs of democracy – a diverse, skeptical, independent and competitive media system – ahead of profit-hungry media giants.

Mr. Powell we need you to look into this eargent matter.

The black people of this country are not getting a fair shake for our money.

These cable bills we are paying is far too much to pay and be forced to receive all our political views from FOX NEWS, and the likes.

Is it possible for you to look into this problem and get back to us with something positive.

Preferbly before the 2004 ELECTION.

Respectfully Submitted

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